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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

Japanese Patent No. 2000-225776, published August 15, 2000 (w/ English translation of Claim 1);

Japanese Patent No. 2000-338652, published December 8, 2000 (w/ English translation of Claims 1-4); and

Japanese Patent No. 4-296594, published October 20, 1992 (w/ English translation of Claims 1-8).


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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after either a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), but before payment of the Issue Fee, and therefore Applicant is submitting herewith a check for the fee of \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p), and a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e). The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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We enclose copies of the following 3 references with English translations of claims thereof, which are provided by the applicant for submitting as an IDS.

1. JP-A-2000-225776 with English translation of the independent claim 1
2. JP-A-2000-338652 with English translations of the claims
3. JP-A-4-296594 with English translations of the claims